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Overlay Error Detection

Inventor(s): Mehrdad Nikoonahad
Application No.: 09/697,025
Filing Date: October 26, 2000
Your Reference: P736 US
Our Reference: TNCR.183US0

Dear Sir:

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- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page);
- (3) Amendment (16 pages).

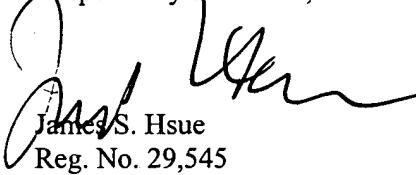
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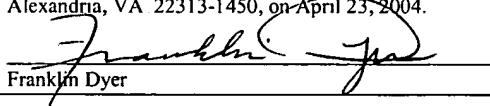


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This will respond to the office action mailed on January 23, 2004, setting a period for response expiring on April 23, 2004.

No drawing amendments are being made.

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 12.

No specification amendments are being made.